

REMARKS

The Office Action of May 12, 2004 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested.

The specification amendment is made as requested in the office action.


The claim amendments requested by the office action are made along with several additional amendments. Allowable and cancelled claims 2, 10, and 18 are incorporated respectively into their parent claims, making the parent claims allowable. Adding the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 10, and 18 to claims 1, 7, and 17, respectively thus makes claims 1, 3-9, 11, 12, 17, 19, and 20 allowable.

Claim 13 is amended by adding a final paragraph (f) patterned after the allowable subject matter of original claim 2, to make claims 13-16 allowable.

Claim 21 is amended by adding a clause to the end of paragraph (g) that is also patterned on the allowable subject matter of original claim 2, to make claims 21-24 allowable.

These claim changes are believed to make all the claims remaining in the application allowable, but for any question on this, examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

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